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- 1. The following is a review of the programs offered in Rumanian schools by 25X1 the present communist regime:
  - a. First and Second Grades In these two grades the students are taught Rumanian, arithmetic, sports, songs, and the cutting of letters from cartoons. It is in these grades that the teachers prepare the students for the young pioneer organization, a subsidiary of the UTM (Communist Youth Organization). The lessons taught include stories about great "Russian pioneers", the aid given to Rumania by Russia, the glorious Russian army, and the misery existing in western countries.
  - b. Third and Fourth Grades In these grades elementary Rumanian grammar, arithmetic, geography, etc., are taught. Instruction in the Russian language is given three to four hours per week.
  - c. Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades Rumanian, Russian, minority languages, physics, geography, history, arithmetic, sports, and an "educative hour" of music once a week, are offered in these grades. At the end of the seventh grade the students are required to pass an examination after which they are sent to different technical schools. Very few of the students are sent to "theoretic" schools.
  - d. Eighth Grade In this grade Rumanian, Russian, mathematics, physics, USSR geography, natural science, history, music, sports, etc., are taught.
  - e. <u>Ninth Grade</u> Subjects taught in the eighth grade are continued in the ninth grade. In addition, chemistry and geology is also offered.
  - f. Tenth Grade Studies of the eighth and ninth grades are continued, plus one hour each of astronomy and psychology.

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- 2. The "educative hour" in the Rumanian schools is a political education hour. The study of the Soviet Union and communism are the main subjects. The students are also taught how to discover reactionary elements.
- 3. Wall board newspapers are a part of the routine in Rumanian schools. Instructors do not edit the articles which are written by students who are members of the UTM. Meetings are held in which the young writers receive instructions on what and how to write from UTM teachers. This organization makes the job of teaching very difficult since teachers must include politics in all lessons. Teaching methods are inspected by Communist Party members and reports are presented to the Party weekly. Fifty per cent of the teachers in Rumanian schools are estimated to have tuberculosis or some form of neurosis.
- 4. All teachers and students must participate in voluntary labor groups. The students perform all the work around the school. Older students must help with harvest work and other labor in the fields. Salaries for professors are very meager, ranging from 280 to 800 lei per month. To get 800 lei per month a professor has to have over 20 years of service. The average salary is 400 to 600 lei. Students from the eighth to the tenth grades are trained by special instructors in antiaircraft defense from one to two hours per week. In addition, the students are taught, in the guise of sports, grenade throwing and other paramilitary activities.
- 5. Since the removal from office in 1952 of Ana Pauker, Vasile Luca, and Techari Georgescu, all the Rumanian text books have been revised. The new books are translations of Soviet text books. In general, education in Rumania now follows the Soviet pattern. Each year a number of older students are sent to the USSR where they study free of charge and upon their return to Rumania are given various positions of trusts.
- 6. Higher education in Rumania, such as medicine, dentistry, natural sciences, mathematics, etc., is received through faculties and institutes which are dependent upon the ministry which controls the particular profession. The period of enrollment varies between three and six years. Generally, students are accepted into the schools by examination. However, students who received "merit diplomas" in high school or are sponsored by the Communist Party are not required to submit to examination. Basic subjects at these schools include Marxism-Leninism and the Russian language. Upon completion of their studies, the students must pass a "State examination."
- 7. Students accepted for doctorate study must have the following qualifications:
  - a. Passed the State examination;
  - b. Have an active political background;
  - c. Have a social origin acceptable to the communist regime;
  - d. Have a knowledge of the Russian language and be well-versed in Marxism-Leninism; and

e.	Be not more	than 40 years of age.	

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